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## From the Chief



As the winter weather starts to break, I am sure all of us are starting to look forward to spring and warmer weather. With the warmer weather we will be seeing many changes in the Ordnance Corps and the same fast pace as we continue to move forward.

I would like to take the time to recognize two outstanding Ordnance Soldiers who retired in March. First, CW5 Arthur G. Dahl IV, the 6<sup>th</sup> Regimental Chief Warrant Officer, retired in March after 26 years of service. Also retired in March was the 9<sup>th</sup> Regimental Command Sergeant Major, CSM Daniel A. Eubanks, after over 29 years of service. Both of these Soldiers epitomize the spirit and professionalism of the Ordnance Corps and have made an impact on countless Soldiers throughout their careers. They will both be missed.

As part of change, we will introduce the new Regimental Chief Warrant Officer and Regimental Command Sergeant Major. The 7<sup>th</sup> Regimental Chief Warrant Officer is CW5 Bernard Satterfield and the 10<sup>th</sup> Regimental Command Sergeant Major is CSM Sultan A. Muhammad. Both of these great leaders are coming to us from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and we look forward to serving with them.

I would like to thank everyone in the field, especially those who are deployed, for participating in our Ordnance World Wide VTC on 21 April 2010. We hope you got quality information from it and encourage the field to continue to recommend subjects for subsequent VTCs.

would also like to solicit nominations for Ordnance Soldiers and civilians for the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame. The window for nominations is open through the 31<sup>st</sup> of July and we encourage the nomination of deserving individuals. The point of contact for nominations is SFC Steven A. Toslin and he can be contacted at [steven.a.toslin@us.army.mil](mailto:steven.a.toslin@us.army.mil).

While I am soliciting you for assistance, I would also ask for your help in recruiting great NCOs to become Warrant Officers, and encouraging junior Soldiers to go into the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) field.

I also wish to again thank you for your support to our Soldiers around the world. We remain committed to their support and upholding the proud tradition of the Ordnance Corps. Go Ordnance!

Respectfully,

Lynn A. Collyar  
Brigadier General, US Army  
Chief of Ordnance

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## REGIMENTAL COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR RETIRES



**RCSM Daniel Eubanks**

On Friday, 12 March 2010 the 9<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Regimental Command Sergeant Major said his final goodbye's to a standing room only crowd at the New Home of Ordnance Campus, Fort Lee, Virginia, thus ending 29 plus years of federal service

His career began in 1981. Young Daniel looked around his small town in Georgia and decided that the Army with its "Be all you can be" slogan, would give him the opportunity to become a master welder, a craft he'd learned while attending High School. However, this was not to be, as his (ASVAB) Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery scores were not high enough to be a welder. Undeterred, he chose the Construction Equipment Engineer MOS, and enlisted for 4 years. It wasn't a bad alternative, especially since it came with an \$18,000 bonus, benefits, increasing salaries and opportunities for advancement. Immediately following his High School graduation in 1981, he completed One Station Unit Training at Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri.

Having been raised in rural Georgia where outhouses and wells were the norm, and where he understood the true meaning of hard work and so, the Army with its early hours, physical labor, demanding schedule and focus on discipline, loyalty, and duty was a perfect match to his southern upbringing. He knew the importance of taking the initiative and doing your best. His family instilled in him the values, along with a strong work ethic and discipline needed to succeed in life. He understood what it meant to have others depend on you and knew the value of teamwork.



One often hears mention that it takes a village to raise a family. In his case the RCSM had that village, a loving grandmother, aunt and mother. Growing up his mother served as his role model. She worked hard to give him the best life she could and as a result his goal has always been to make her proud.

That village of support is one of the reason's he is excited to retire in Georgia. His new home is now located within 30 minutes of his hometown and 20 minutes from Fort Gordon. As a result he'll be able to raise his children in an area where they're able to best benefit from the village he knows so well. He believes that divine intervention played a big role in his family relocating to the area, that they now call home.



It takes only a minute of conversation to realize how much RCSM Eubanks loves his family. The look in his eyes as he speaks of his mother, each of his children and his wife says more than any words can. He literally beams as he talks about daughter Shannika, his eldest whose a licensed practical nurse in Augusta Georgia, Domeka, his son who's a Specialist serving with the 101<sup>st</sup>, Darius a freshman and defensive back at Georgia Southern University, daughter Danielle age 6, son Donovan age 4, and his wife CW3(R) Jenifer Eubanks.

RCSM Eubanks contributes his performance as a Senior NCO to the support, encouragement and sheer joy that his wife Jenifer brought into his life. He credits her for the overall success of their family life. Her ability to manage the home and have an extremely successful military career motivated him to push harder. He calls her "Supermom" for she is always moving the family forward, looking for new ways to improve their quality of life. She eagerly shares her knowledge and challenges all members of the family to reach higher.

When asked what if anything he regrets. RCSM Eubanks, after a pregnant pause will tell you - his one and only regret is that he did not worked harder to complete his Bachelor's Degree. Yet when it comes to his Career, he would do it all over again, exactly the same, with the same family supporting him all the way.

## REGIMENTAL CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER RETIRES



**RCW5 Arthur**

Brigadier General Lynn Collyar, Commandant of the US Army Ordnance School, hosted a Retirement Ceremony on 1 March 2010 in honor of CW5 Arthur G. Dahl IV, sixth Regimental Chief Warrant Officer (RCWO) of the Ordnance Corps, who culminated a 26 year career in the Army.

CW5 Dahl entered the Army in January 1984 and was appointed a Warrant officer in 1990. During his distinguished career, CW5 Dahl served in a variety of units: Artillery, Armor, Cavalry, Engineer, Signal, Combat Service Support (now Sustainment), and TRADOC, to name a few. He deployed in support of Operation Joint Endure (Bosnia-Herzegovina) and Operation Iraqi Freedom. As RCWO since July 2008, CW5 Dahl has been responsible for managing the largest technical branch of warrant officers in the Army, a branch comprised of nine specialties and nearly 4,000 Active, National Guard, and Reserve component warrant officers.

He has been unwavering in his commitment to uphold high requisite qualifications for Ordnance warrant officer accessions, and he never sacrificed quality for quantity when faced with recruiting challenges. As a member of the Senior Warrant Officer Advisory Council (SWOAC), CW5 Dahl has championed many initiatives that have changed policy and enhanced opportunities for warrant officers throughout the Army.

Though his tenure as a professional Soldier ends, CW5 Dahl will continue service as a civilian for the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command (*TACOM*) in Warren, MI. *On behalf of* the Army and the Ordnance Corps, we thank him for all he has done for us over the past 26 years, and wish him and his family all the best in the future!

CW5 Bernard Satterfield, a Brigade Logistics Support Team Chief for 1/82d Airborne Division, has been selected as the seventh RCWO. He is currently serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and will be inducted as the RCWO at a later date. Welcome to the team CW5 Satterfield!

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## ORDNANCE CAMPUS COMES ALIVE



LTG Valcourt and BG Collyar

The Ordnance Campus at Fort Lee remains busy with visits from distinguished guests, acceptance of newly constructed facilities and ground breakings for phase I construction projects.

Since the last update, the Ordnance Center officially cut the ribbon in October 2009 on Rozier Hall, the Tactical Support Equipment Department. This 172,000 square foot structure is a state of the art facility that trains over 750 students daily on theory and repair of power generation and general purpose utility equipment. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the barracks, battalion, and brigade facilities is scheduled during Ordnance Week 2010.

The new Home of Ordnance at Fort Lee opened its doors to some very distinguished visitors since the start of FY 2010. General Casey, Chief Of Staff of the Army, spent time speaking to Soldiers and observing training sessions during his January 28<sup>th</sup> tour of the Ordnance campus' Tactical Support Equipment Department (Rozier Hall). On February 19<sup>th</sup>, the Deputy Commanding General of TRA-DOC, Lieutenant General Valcourt received a tour of the Ordnance campus' Cohen Hall, home to the largest welding training facility in the Army in addition to housing the metal working, small arms repairs, basic electronics and soldering training, part of the Armament and Electronics and Track/Metalworking/Recovery training departments. Additionally, the 61<sup>st</sup> Ordnance Brigade hosted an open house event for Leaders, Soldiers and family members. The event was designed to provide the 61<sup>st</sup> Ordnance Brigade family with a view of what the future holds for them at Fort Lee and their new Ordnance Campus.



Ordnance Campus Barracks

In December of 2009 the Ordnance School was handed keys to barracks two of six and in February 2010, barracks three of six was officially completed.

Each barracks will house 624 Soldiers with capability to surge to 936. These barracks will be ready to house Soldiers moving from Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD in June 2010.

## ORDNANCE CAMPUS COMES ALIVE

During the period of December through February, the Ordnance School completed five training facilities as part of the phase 1 central campus construction. Located directly across from the DFAC, the central campus phase I construction came to an end with the completion of these five classroom, bay and administrative offices consisting of 750 thousand square feet of space. Each building is distinguished by the training that will be provided to the students



Phase II construction began in December 2009 and will continue until completion in spring 2011. These projects include W.M. Jordan's construction of facilities to house munition maintenance training moving from Redstone Arsenal, Alabama and wheel, Stryker, and track initial entry training moving from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

W.M Jordan was also awarded the construction contract for the United States Marine Corps unique training moving from Aberdeen. Training in these facilities will include munition maintenance training (C9 and C10), wheel vehicle maintenance training (C7), Stryker vehicle maintenance training (C6), and Marine Corps Light Armored Vehicle and towed artillery instruction and repair.



A new addition to the Ordnance Campus is the Warrior Training Facility (WTF), coming this summer. This multiplex structure will provide the logistic warrior with a multitude of indoor training activities that will help hone his or her combative skills. When Soldiers enter the 16,040 square foot structure, they will receive instruction in combative techniques, room clearing procedures, weapons familiarization (EST 2000) and Highly Mobile Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) Egress Assistance training (HEAT).

Also awarded as part of the phase II construction, Mortenson Construction will build 2 facilities, around 61,000 square feet to become the center for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and ammunition training moving from Redstone Arsenal. These facilities will provide training space for an average daily load of 434 students. Additionally, a small facility and training area is being constructed to support instruction in Robotics application and performance. Students will learn how to properly defuse and disarm unexploded ordnance through the use of a state of the art robotics obstacle course.

By CW4 Keith Arthur Ordnance BRAC Office and  
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## **If We Only Knew What We Know: Skills Based Training (SBT)**

Train a Soldier to repair a Family of Military Terrain Vehicles (FMTV) and he can repair a FMTV. Train him on the skills to repair hydraulics and he can repair hydraulics on any vehicle.

As technology continues to evolve rapidly, it is critical that our training keeps pace. We must produce Ordnance Soldiers with the skills to be problem-solvers as well as technicians. To meet this challenge, the Ordnance School is implementing a Skills Based Training (SBT) program that teaches Advanced Individual Training (AIT) Soldiers the skills and knowledge to be successful on the battlefield.

SBT is not new. It has been the industrial standard for most maintenance-related fields for several years. The Ford Motor Company does not train its technicians on every model of vehicle produced since the Model "T" was introduced. It trains them on the skills to support all of their vehicles regardless of when they were sold. With the multitude of different equipment variants in the Army today, the Ordnance Corps needs to take a similar approach in its training.

So what is changing? Currently, training within the school is based on the equipment being issued to the units in the field. Soldiers learn by working on the equipment, diagnosing problems that were injected in the equipment by the instructors. Success is measured on how well the students can identify the maintenance faults. The problem with this training method is that Soldiers do not build the needed confidence to apply their newly-acquired skills on different types of equipment. For example, a Soldier who has learned how to troubleshoot the C model of a radio has trouble applying the same exact troubleshooting techniques to the E model because it is different—even though the same skills and knowledge are applied.

Additionally, the demands in the Areas of Operation (AOR) have lowered the priority of equipment issue to the schools. Thus, the Army's schools are not training the same equipment the Soldier may see once he graduates. Under SBT, the equipment becomes a training aid to the training of the skill instead of the reverse. Soldiers begin by learning the basics of hydraulics, electricity, welding, transmissions etc., depending on their Military Occupational Specialty (MOS). They then immediately apply these skills and knowledge on a piece of equipment that highlights the specific skill being taught, for example a set of Night Vision Goggles (NVGs) for Direct Current (DC) circuits. It does not matter which NVG they work on, as long as they apply the trained skill correctly.

A key part of SBT is instilling Soldiers with confidence. This confidence is achieved by placing the Soldiers in various situations where they have to use problem-solving skills on their own. For example, they may be required to troubleshoot additional equipment that they have not seen previously. This scenario replicates what many of our young Soldiers face in the field now. For some of our low-density MOS's, such as the 94S Patriot System Repairer, it's not unusual for an AIT course graduate to be expected to be the expert system repairer in his unit.

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## If We Only Knew What We Know

So what does this mean to Commanders, Warrant Officers and NCO's in the field? The true benefit of Skills Based training is in the long-term compared to a short term approach. Initially, the Soldiers arriving from AIT may not be as familiar with specific maintenance challenges of equipment, but they possess the skills to complete the assigned task, given the applicable technical manual and proper supervision. As they build this element of their technical skills, they will become more self-reliant to execute any repair task assigned. The true benefit of this program will not be evident until they have developed beyond the apprentice to a true technician. To measure success, as newly trained Soldiers hit the field, the Sustainment Center of Excellence (SCoE) will conduct a number of surveys to get your feedback on how well this new program is or is not working.

Under SBT, the current Systems Approach to Training (SAT) will not change significantly for the field. Critical Task Selection Boards (CTSB) will still be executed to get direct feedback from the field on what tasks Soldiers must complete to support the mission. What will change is that once those tasks are identified and approved, a skills analysis will be executed to determine the skills and knowledge needed to perform those tasks. That assessment will be the baseline for the school curriculum and incorporated into the lesson plans and courses being taught. Field involvement in this process is critical to its success—having the right representatives on the CTSBs determines the caliber of Soldiers that units will receive from the school house.

So how is this program being implemented? There will be two pilot programs executed over the next 6 months to validate the training concepts and plans. The 91D and 94F courses have been selected as the pilots for this evaluation. Three classes of students will track through the new course curriculum and be evaluated on their ability to perform the same/similar tasks the current method of training provides. This way, we will be able to ensure that SBT, as a minimum, provides Commanders with Soldiers capable of executing equal to current graduates. Additionally, assessments will be made to determine what traits the Soldiers may demonstrate that exceed current training standards. Approximately six months after Soldiers graduate, units receiving newly trained Soldiers will complete a survey to provide feedback to the school on the program. During the pilot's execution, adjustments will be made as needed to improve training. The key to the success of this program lies with both the school and the field training programs, which must support each other.

As equipment evolves and improves to meet the ever changing mission, so must our methods of training and development of our Soldiers. SBT is a proven training strategy that can be adapted by the Army's schools and used to produce confident Soldiers that can apply their skills to different types of equipment in ever-changing situations.

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## WARRANT OFFICER CTSB

The CASCOM (SCOE) G3/Training and Doctrine, Professional Military Education Division conducted a CTSB (Critical Task Selection Board) 26-28 January 2010.

The CTSB is to ensure Soldier Training Publications (STP), Programs of Instruction (POI), and exportable training materials are current and relevant. Also analyzed are the Individual MOS/AOC specific critical task lists in the development of unit collective tasks and their associated publications.

At a minimum, we conduct these 3 to 5 years or as needed meaning anything that affects the DOTMLPF domain. Members are Warrants or SME in that field. The board members are selected according to experience and rank meaning W4/5 vote on WOBC and WOAC while W3 vote on WOBC. Any rank can be invited to attend. The end result is to deliver a quality training product for our warrants that allows them to be successful in the full spectrum of Army operations.

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Figure 1 CTSB Team 28 Jan



## SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

PFC Shawn Jones (91B), a native of Carlsbad, Texas was recognized by the 16<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade (Airborne) for his outstanding contributions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During an interview by the TF Protector Public Affairs Office PFC Jones talked about what he liked best about his work and being a mechanic. He stated that he's always had a passion for working on vehicles and that he preferred "being out and working with the vehicles and not spending all day in front of a computer." As for being a mechanic, he finds it gratifying when someone comes in with a damaged vehicle and he's able to "fix it and bring it back up and running".

Here PFC Jones is pictured along with the Ordnance Creed.



PFC Shawn Jones, is deployed with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Military Police Brigade (Airborne). His unit is responsible for Detainee Operations in Afghanistan and operates the Detention Facility in Parwan – the US Theater Internment Facility in Afghanistan.

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## Army Award for Maintenance Excellence



SFC Patterson (AAME Evaluator) observes two Soldiers performing PMCS on the Protection Assessment Test System (PATS).

The AAME Phase II on-site evaluation visits began on 3 February 2010 and will conclude on or about 12 April 2010. The Phase II consists of four evaluation teams comprising of Active Army, Army Reserve MTOE, Army Reserve TDA and National Guard. Units competing in Phase II are Active Army (38), Army Reserve (13) and National Guard (15). Some of the Phase II evaluation areas consist of: maintenance management, training, publications, supply, TMDE, tools, quality control programs, etc. The announcement date of the winners and runners-up is tentatively scheduled for the end of April. Point of contact: Mr. Robert Vachon at DSN 539-7315 COMM 804-765-7315.

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## How does the Personnel Development Office support the Ordnance Officer?

This is the third article in a series to inform all Ordnance Corps Officers, Warrant Officers, and Enlisted Soldiers about the functions of the Ordnance Personnel Development Office ( PDO). The first article gave an overview of the functions of the PDO. The second article outlined the supporting missions the members of the PDO perform in support of the Ordnance Corps worldwide. This article will focus on some of the ways the PDO provides professional development to the Ordnance Officer Corps. Beginning with Cadets, either in ROTC or West Point Military Academy, we provide branch specific information through websites and pamphlets. We conduct official visits to ROTC Summer Camp at Fort Lewis, Washington and West Point to meet with cadets, display our mission, and answer questions.

Once commissioned, Lieutenants attend Basic Officer Leaders Course (BOLC) at Fort Lee, Virginia, the new Home of the Ordnance Corps. During BOLC, we meet with the Lieutenants socially, conduct branch orientation classes, and assess interested lieutenants into the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Area of Concentration (AOC). Upon completion of BOLC, the Chief of Ordnance confers the branch insignia, officially inducting them into the Ordnance Regiment.

During the Captains Career Course (CL3), Ordnance Officers become Logistics Branch officers, but retain their Regimental affiliation with the Ordnance Corps. They will continue to serve in Ordnance, as well as other logistics units, broadening their experience as a multifunctional logistician.

Throughout their careers, Ordnance Officers can remain connected to the Corps through the public Ordnance website, and the Ordnance Sustainment Knowledge Network, found on AKO. They may join the Ordnance Corps Association and provide support to the Ordnance Museum. All Ordnance Officers are invited to attend Ordnance Corps semi-annual World-Wide Video Tele-Conferences (VTC), broadcasted to their location anywhere in the world. In addition, all Ordnance Officers are welcome to celebrate the founding of the Ordnance Corps during Ordnance Week held at Fort Lee during the first week of May, every year.

While attending Intermediate Leaders Education, (ILE), the Chief of Ordnance and Chief, PDO visits and conducts a professional development session and social with Ordnance Corps officers, bringing them up to speed with what's current in the Corps.

Ordnance Officers selected to command at the O-5 or O-6 level, attend the Sustainment Pre-Command Course at Fort Lee, Virginia. They will have relevant professional development sessions and socials with the Chief of Ordnance, the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer, the Regimental Command Sergeant Major, and the Chief, PDO.

It is the expressed desire of the Chief of Ordnance that every Ordnance Officer feels connected to our Corps. The Professional Development Office works hard to support this outreach mission by conducting professional development visits, classes, VTCs, Symposiums, newsletters, and website content. Every Ordnance Officer should feel they can connect with their Corps through various mediums to get support and their questions answered. GO Ordnance!

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## CAREER MANAGEMENT FIELD 94 UPDATE

Electronic Maintenance - Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) 94H40, Test, Measurement, and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE) Maintenance Support Specialist, 94W, Electronic Maintenance Chief, and 94Y40, Integrated Family of Test Equipment Maintainer has a Notification of Further Change (NOFC), E-0904-36, Consolidating these three MOSs into 94W effective FY12, 1 Oct 2011. This action has been moved ahead to FY11, effective date 1 Oct 2010.

A Military Occupational Classification and Structure (MOCS) proposal to delete MOS 94K, Apache Attack Helicopter System Repairer was approved, NOFC E-1004-09. Effective date of deletion is 1 Oct 2011. Duties, functions, and positions are no longer required. A MILPER message will soon be published outlining reclassification procedures and requirements. Take time and view DA PAM 611-21 at <https://smartbook.armyg1.pentagon.mil/default.aspx> for further details.

Congratulations to those selected to MSG from the FY10 MSG Board. Career Management Field (CMF) 94 had a selection average of 10%. That was better than the Army average of 8%. MOS 94Y40 had the highest rate among CMF 94 at 29%. The FY10 SFC Board concluded 26 Fb with results to be published in latter March. Preparation is underway for the FY10 CSMSGM Training/Selection Board scheduled to convene 20 APR – 10 May 2010. Please contact SFC Patrick Patterson (804) 765-7374, DSN 539, or email [patrick.patterson@us.army.mil](mailto:patrick.patterson@us.army.mil), or SFC Luther Kirby (804) 765-7375, DSN 539, or [luther.kirby@us.army.mil](mailto:luther.kirby@us.army.mil) email for questions or comments.

## THE OMMS BLOCK LEAVE BLIZZARD

On 17 December 2009 Soldiers from the 61st Ordnance Brigade finished training and began preparing for the upcoming Holiday Block Leave (HBL). They received briefings, secured their barracks rooms and belongings, and culminated preparations the following day with a “Super Supper” in the DFAC. That night the brigade commander held an emergency meeting with his primary staff and commanders as a massive snow storm was bearing down on the greater Baltimore area. Over the next 24 hours they received 20 inches of snow which crippled any efforts to send Soldiers home on Holiday Block Leave.

With air, train, and bus transportation hubs closed the brigade had no choice but to stand-down the massive HBL push. Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison was the first agency to come online to support the brigade by re-tooling the meal plan and DFAC schedules. They also made the 61st parking lots their first priority for snow removal as they knew charter busses couldn’t stage with the parking lots buried in 20 inches of snow.

MWR was the next agency who began working on contingency plans. They began working with Greyhound and the contracted charter bus company to determine the most feasible time to begin pushing Soldiers to their respective transportation nodes. The decision was made to begin pushing on 20 December. Once the 900+ Soldiers arrived at BWI airport all available leaders began working with Soldiers to re-schedule their flights. United and Airtrans airlines were most helpful as they had decision makers on ground who worked one on one with Soldiers to ensure they were ticketed for the first available flights.

The BWI USO managed to get volunteers to staff the USO around the clock to keep the USO open; the USO provided dedicated office space, computers, and printers which greatly assisted the brigade and battalion leaders’ ability to re-schedule 900+ flights.

The overall push was a huge success. Military and civilian agencies worked in concert ensuring all Soldiers made it home before Christmas.

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## OMMS American Council on Education Visit

The American Council on Education (ACE) conducted a credit recommendation review of the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School (OMMS) from 25-26 January 2010. The ACE team consisted of a 4-person evaluation team: Dr. Mary Cerniglia-Mosher, Adjunct Professor, Troy University; Mr. Robert Dawkins, American Military University; Mr. Larry Grummer, Professor/Coordinator, Oklahoma City Community College; and Christopher A. Johnson, Online Instructor, Central Pennsylvania College. Members of the review team were selected based on their level of academic expertise in the content area being reviewed, peer reputation, experience in adult learning principles and practices, knowledge of instructional and curriculum development and, in some cases, geographic proximity to the review location.

The team members reached a consensus on the amount and category of credit to be recommended for the 14 POIs reviewed and summarized the overall evaluation of the training curricula during an out brief. Final results will be processed within 45 days after the site visit. The results of the evaluations are published in the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services.

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## Baltimore Federal Executive Board Excellence in Federal Career Awards American Council on Education Visit

The Baltimore Federal Executive Board announced the winners in their 2010 Excellence in Federal Career Award program.

The USAOMMS Silver/Gold finalists are: CW5 Jack L. Peters, Jr., Category 1c – Outstanding Supervisor – Trades and Crafts; MSG Jeffrey D. Grimes, Category 2b – Outstanding Professional (Administrative Management & Specialist); Mr. Thomas D. Gollhardt, Category 3a – Outstanding Para-Professional (Non-Supervisory), Technical, Scientific & Program Support (Individual); Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Team, Category 4b – Outstanding Administrative Work Group or Team; and SSG Sean S. Schmidt, Category 8a – Volunteer Service – Individual Award. Silver/Gold finalists will further compete for the Gold award in each of the listed categories.

Bronze award winners from the USAOC&S are: Mr. John Antal, Category 1a – Outstanding Supervisor - GS13 and Above; Ms. Paulette Cantos Category 1b – Outstanding Supervisor - Grade 12 and below; Mr. Gary W. Winter Category 2a – Outstanding Professional (Non-Supervisory) Technical, Scientific & Program Support; Contemporary Operational Environment – Training Team Wolverine, Category 3b – Outstanding Para-Professional (Non-Supervisory) Technical, Scientific and Program Support (Team); Mr. Donald W. Handy Category 3c – Outstanding Para-Professional (Non-Supervisory) Administrative / Management Analyst, GS8 and Above; Ms. Sharon R. Coleman Category 4a – Outstanding Administrative Assistance/Management Assistant; and Mr. Chester L. Barrett Category 5 – Outstanding Trades and Crafts (Non-Supervisory). The USAOMMS winners, along with other winners from the Baltimore area will be honored by the Federal Executive Board at the 2010 Excellence in Federal Career Awards Banquet and Ceremony on 7 May 2010 at Martins West in Baltimore, MD.

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## 2010 Ordnance Corps 198th Anniversary



TIME TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
ORDNANCE WEEK 2010  
MAY 4 - 7  
(FT LEE, VIRGINIA)



### TUESDAY: MAY 4

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### WEDNESDAY: MAY 5

GOLF TOURNAMENT  
(THE HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE, CHESTERFIELD VA)  
NO-HOST SOCIAL

### THURSDAY: MAY 6

STRATEGIC LOG UPDATE  
BRAC TOUR  
HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

### FRIDAY: MAY 7

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE  
ORDNANCE CORPS ANNIVERSARY BALL

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE...

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